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1. DEPT APPRECIATES REFTEL EVALUATING INDOCHINA WATCH OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG. OPERATION BOTH THERE AND IN BANGKOK HAS ALREADY PROVIDED VERY USEFUL REPORTING OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER EXCELLENT RESULTS.

2. CONCUR WITH METHODOLOGY AND PROGRAM FOR FUTURE OUTLINED PARAS 4 THRU 8 REFTEL. IN PARTICULAR, REPORTING ON
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INDOCHINA TRADE CONTACTS SHOULD BE OF INCREASING VALUE AND

WARRANT FULL DEVELOPMENT. IN FIELD OF VIETNAMESE MONETARY AND FISCAL AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE RELATIONS, WE HAVE CONTINUING CLOSE INTEREST IN POSSIBLE SALES BY VIETNAMESE OF CAPTURED US ARMS AND MILVTARY EQUIPMENT, LEVELS OF FOREIGN AID PROVIDED BY BOTH COMMUNIST AND NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS, AND DEALINGS WITH WESTERN FIRMS SUCH AS OIL COMPANIES.

3. INFORMAL REPORTING--PRESS ITEMS, TRANSMITTAL SLIPS, LETTERS, NOTES AND OTHER RAW MATERIAL--ALSO MORE THAN WELCOME. KISSINGER

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